

Halloween Fun, Less Rowdyism, Planned by Social Agencies Here

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A program of Halloween fun—minus rowdyism—has been planned for several Nashville communities, it was announced yesterday by the Leisure Time Education-Recreation section of the Council of Community Agencies. The holiday is October 31.

Schools, social agencies, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other organizations will cooperate in the evening of fun, leaders said. The program in each community will include costume contests, games, and other entertainment.

In Northwest Nashville, the Negro Recreation Agencies will stage their seventh annual Halloween frolic on Heffernan Street. Several blocks of the street, leading to Hadley Park, will be closed to traffic, it was announced.

Leaders said that in the past six years youngsters of the vicinity have congregated for the Halloween party, with the result that police have not been bothered by complaints of vandalism, and no false fire alarms have been turned in.

D. W. Crutcher, chairman of the Negro Youth Center, is chairman of the project.

Members of the Halloween planning committee for the Council of Community Agencies are: Mrs. Marian Williamson Jones, chairman; Miss Cleo Barber of Wesley House, Miss Annie Rogers of Centenary Methodist Institute, and D. C. Camp, boys' secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Participating in the North Nashville program will be the Negro Youth Committee, the Negro Y. W. C. A., the Fisk Social Center, and the Bethlehem Center.

A similar celebration will be planned for South Nashville and for the downtown section, it was announced.

Birmingham, Ala. News

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Democracy's Faults Are Still Better Than Isms, Negroes Agree

Conference Also Comes To Conclusion That Food Stamps Are Of Little Help

"The known faults of our Democracy are decidedly more acceptable than any isms from any other part of the world," was the unanimous decision of a conference held by a large group of Negro leaders Saturday night at Sloss-Sheffield Community Center.

The meeting was held under the sponsorship of the public affairs committee of the Young Women's Christian Association branch at 700 Eighth Avenue, North. Mrs. H. C. Bryant was chairman, Geraldine Tongue, secretary, and Mrs. M. L. M. Hooks, chairman of the management committee.

The conference also discussed the federal food stamp program and decided it was a total failure, insofar as it relates to the Negro. The conference also voted to accept the offer of Dr. Gladys Baker, of the National Defense Commission's consumer education group, and Miss Frances Williams, of the commission's civic group, to discuss plans for integrating the Negro into the defense program with Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins on their return to Washington.

The conference acted on the various questions after panel discussions participated in by Arthur P. Stokes, editor of The Birmingham World; Arthur Riggins, of the department of history at Miles Memorial College; Esther Cooper, secretary of the Southern Negro Youth Conference, and Florence May, of the Parker High School faculty.

Minority Group Status

Frances Williams opened the discussion with a paper on "What Total Defense Means to the Average Person and the Average Consumer in Birmingham," and was followed by Dr. Gladys Baker, who devoted much of her time to consideration of minority groups, the Negro and his part in the national defense program, and his duties and responsibilities as a citizen, a producer and a consumer.

Purpose of the national defense group with which she is connected.

Dr. Baker explained, is to foster and maintain citizen morale; give information about governmental activities as they apply to consumer problems and national defense; to show the part the Negro can and should play in the program as producer and consumer, both in goods and service; to offer workable technique the Negro may use in cooperation with the National Defense Commission.

The group program also included discussions of "Our Present Democracy," and ways to awaken interest of minority groups in preserving democracy through community organization practice.

Problems confronting the Negro youth are studied, Dr. Baker said, and plans for integrating them into the national defense program considered, together with the problem of under-consumption as it relates to building strong and virile populations, discrimination against the Negro youth in the national defense program, and the need of unity of all the people in preparation for the defense of the nation.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Free Press
December 7, 1940

Colored Y. W. C. A. to Give Pageant Tuesday

Final practice and dress rehearsal for the Christmas pageant sponsored by the Phyllis Wheatley Branch Y. W. C. A. will be held Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the Joseph E. Smith School on East Tenth Street. The next night, Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 8 o'clock, the pageant takes place at the Joseph E. Smith School. Mrs. Carrie Chapman is chairman of the pageant. Mrs. Irene Patton is chairman of the costumes committee. Messrs. Alex. Carney, Newton Scruggs and A. C. Kirby are in charge of decorations. The public is cordially invited. Admission free.

Knoxville, Tenn., Journal
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FORWARD WITH THE COMMUNITY CHEST Emphasize Wheatley Branch Health Work



These characters from the pageant, "Betty In Health Land," given recently by the Phyllis Wheatley branch of the YWCA, for Negro girls, emphasize the organization's health program, one of its numerous activities. The girl stooping in the center is Thalia Ellis. Others are, left to right, Katherine Johnson, "sleep fairy," Madelyn Wilson, "goddess of health," Idella Stinson, "vegetable queen," Anette Holland, "fruit queen," Minnie Watson, "coffee," Annie B. Martin, "Betty's Mother," and Annie Underwood, "milk."

YWCA Enriches Lives Of Many Girls Through Its Activities

The Knoxville YWCA, a beneficiary of the Knoxville Community Chest, seeks to broaden and enrich the lives of girls by clubs with high ideals, educational programs and religious teaching. Many girls make their home at YWCA headquarters, 420 West

Clinch Avenue, and many more go here for classes in swimming, gymnasium, handicraft and other instruction.

Besides the girls who live in the residence, the association has many "courtesy guests" during the year, meaning girls who are unable to pay anything, but who are in need of a place to stay. In the residence, too, there is a

free employment service which helps girls find jobs for which they are best fitted.

Women of Knoxville of all ages attend the instruction given in many lines from badminton to current events. The Girl Reserves department has clubs in all high schools with hundreds of students take part in the programs.

The YWCA is active in 50 nations.

Third Eagle Scout In One Family Establishes Record

Knoxville, Tenn. News Sentinel
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CANSLER BRANCH 'Y' EXECUTIVE ARRIVES

David N. Howell Takes Over Duties as Head.

David N. Howell arrived here this week from Dallas, accompanied by his wife, to take the position of executive secretary of the Charles W. Cansler YMCA here.

Mr. Howell is a graduate of George Williams College and took his B.A. degree at the University of Chicago. He has had experience in YMCA in various large cities over the country. Before coming here he was director of boys' work at a Dallas YMCA.

"As executive secretary, I will have the task of co-operating with parents, teachers, ministers, Sunday School workers, recreational groups and civic authorities in helping the Negro boys of Knoxville to become Christian citizens and leaders," said Mr. Howell.

The Cansler Branch of the YMCA is open daily.

Three Eagle Scouts in one family is considered a national record and that record was established here in Atlanta recently when Sterling E. Gill, of 956 Palmetto Avenue, SW, reached that highest point in Scouting.

John Gill, Jr., now a medical student at Howard University, was the first of the Gill brothers to become an Eagle. He entered the high rank on October 30, 1934, while a member of the Boy Scout troop at First Congregational church. **OCT 12 1940**

The second Gill brother to wear the Eagle badge was Norris Gill, now a sophomore at Morehouse college.

There is still another Gill brother, who hopes to earn the Eagle badge. He is Marion Gill, a First Class Scout.

Scouting really has a grip on the Gill family. It even claims the father of the four boys, John Gill, Sr., is the scribe of the organization committee of Cub Pack, No. 18, and affiliate of Scout troop No. 95.

Sterling, is assistant scoutmaster of troop 95 at Friendship Baptist church. He plans making scouting his profession.



Honor Mrs. Janie Barrett Race Crusader for Girls

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va. —
Nov. 6 — Mrs. Janie Porter
Barrett, former superintendent
and founder of the Virginia In-
dustrial School for Colored Girls
at Peak's Turnout, Virginia, was
honor guest at a special conven-
tion of the Virginia State Federa-
tion of Colored Women's Clubs
at Hampton Institute on Sunday,
November 3.

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Over 500 members of the Fed-
eration and friends of Mrs. Bar-
rett gathered in Odgen Hall to
pay tribute to this woman, who,
upon graduation from Hampton
in 1884, went out into the world
to spread the Hampton princi-
ple of "learning by doing".

Mrs. Barrett has just retired
from the superintendency of the
Industrial School for Colored
Girls. For a quarter of a century
she was also president of the Vir-

ginia State Federation of Colored
Women's Clubs. Under her guid-
ance, these two organizations
worked hand in hand, and it was
the Federation which provided
Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett the
\$3,000 necessary to purchase the
land when the school was found-
ed. When the state undertook the
support of the school, the Fed-
eration continued the work of
providing the girls with attractive
clothing, Christmas gifts and din-
ners, and other little attentions
to make their institution as home-
like as possible.

Mrs. Barrett was presented
many gifts at the testimonial ser-
vice to her excellent work in the
past 25 years. She received a
leather portfolio containing let-
ters of appreciation from her
friends, both Negro and white,
and from each of the 80 women's
clubs affiliated with the State
Federation. The presentation was
made by the Federation president,
Mrs. Wanser L. Webb of Norfolk.
The gifts included an easy chair,
a lounging robe, and nurse.

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SOUTH PARK WAY Y.W.C.A. SPONSORS EDUCATION MEET

The industrial committee of the South Park way Y. W. C. A., 4559 South Park way, will sponsor a four week seminar on workers' education on Monday evenings, beginning tomorrow. Arthur McDowell, member of the workers' education council, will be the leader for the first session.

William Jones, director of adult education in Olivet Christian center, 3101 South Park way, will conduct the seminar, assisted by Harry Maurer, former Chicago supervisor of workers' education; Jesse Ogden, director of workers' education at Hull House, and Mrs. Marguerite Gilmore, director of workers' service projects for the state.

Covering the history, philosophy, and need of workers' education and methods and techniques, the seminar is designed especially for social workers, teachers, ministers, union and nonunion members. Miss Verneta Hill heads the subcommittee in charge, aided by Mrs. Laura Webster and Miss Ida Simons.

GIRL SCOUTS OBSERVE THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Celebration is Part
Of 28th Birthday of
Organization in U. S.

As a part of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the Girl Scouts in America, District 7 in Washington, is observing its third anniversary this week.

Scouting for the colored girls in Washington was first introduced as a recreational activity at the Dunbar Community Center in 1934 by Mrs. Carrie Knox.

In March, 1937, District 7 was organized on a city-wide basis with Mrs. Robert Grayson McGuire as chairman. Scouting among girls of district 7 has grown in the last

three years from three registered troops to 17.

Because of the demand for this character-building program for girls the council and the District Committee have authorized the organization of seven additional troops to be selected from a waiting list of thirty-one requests to become registered scout troops.

Has 335 Registered Scouts

District 7 is at present composed of 137 volunteer leaders including the advisory committee, district committee or sponsoring committee, standing committees, troop committees and leaders of troops, and 335 registered Girl Scouts.

The District Committee which sponsors the program among colored girls under the local council consists of the following members:

Mesdames Virginia R. McGuire, chairman; Velma G. Williams, vice chairman; Ella A. Brown, secretary; Alverta V. Vaughn, finance chairman; Evelyn J. Davis, organization chairman; Eva T. Honesty, program chairman; Lelia F. Thomas, brownie scout chairman; Anna G. Carroll, training chairman; Misses Julie E. Davis, camp chairman; Mattie E. Barkley, cookie chairman; Rosa H. Shorter, public relations chairman; Hattie A. Cunningham, troop representative.

A field adviser was greatly needed due to the growth in number of girls and necessity for coordination of program. In October, 1939, Miss Alyce M. Hill was appointed as a full time field adviser of District 7.

An advisory committee composed of leaders in various fields pertaining to interests of youth was selected to advise with District 7 on program of the organization. The committee is composed of the following persons:

T. J. Anderson, assistant director of the community center and playgrounds Department; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, director, Division of Negro Affairs, National Youth Administration; the Rev. Arthur D. Gray, minister of the Plymouth Congregational Church; Miss Dorothy I. Height, general secretary of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA; Dr. Edwin B. Henderson, head of Department of Health and Physical Education, Divisions 13; L. Herbert Henegan, managing editor, the Washington Tribune; Major Campbell C. Johnson, executive secretary, Twelfth Street Branch YMCA; William I. Lee, president of the Federation of Parent - Teachers Associations; Mrs. Sadie G. Mays, administrative

assistant in charge of Negro Affairs, NYA; Mrs. Mary A. McNeill, former member of the Board of Education; John R. Pinkett, president, John R. Pinkett, Inc., and a member of the budget committee of the community Chest; Charles M. Thomas, president of the Federation of Civic Associations; William C. Hueston, commissioner of education, Elks; and Garnet C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent of schools, Divisions 10 to 13.

The ten-program field for development in Girl Scouting are the Out-of-doors, Homemaking, International Friendship, Arts and Crafts, Community Life, Sports and Games, Nature, Health and Safety, Literature and Dramatics, and Music and Dancing.

The goal of District 7 for 1940 is to provide an opportunity for every troop to cooperate with at least one community agency concerned with service or citizenship.

Charlotte, N. C. News
March 4, 1940

YW To Discuss Racial Work

Frances Williams,
Expert, Will Talk

An open meeting of the interracial committee of the local YWCA will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock when Frances Williams, Negro, specialist in interracial education and member of the National Board of the YWCA in New York will speak. Mrs. J. J. Akers, chairman of the committee, will preside.

The speaker is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the New York School of Social Work, and she has a Master of Arts degree from the political science department of the University of Chicago.

She is at present working on special publications for YWCA board of directors and for general secretaries in the association. She is the author of several booklets and many magazine articles dealing with constructive methods of meeting interracial problems in American community life.

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Negro YWCA Launches Member Drive



Members of the Blue Triangle Branch of the YWCA are shown grouped above following a tea which launched the Negro YWCA group's annual membership campaign. The drive, which has as its goal, 600 new members, will continue through May 9. The group includes, officers of the organization and captains and workers in the drive.

Portsmouth, Ohio

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO - This week marks the closing of Girl Scouts playground activities during the last six weeks. Senior Girl Scouts supervised the playgrounds faithfully under the direction of Miss Helen Clark. Girls that were active as supervisors on Washington Troop ground were, Helen Carr, Maxine Williams, Carlene Douglas and Juanita Reid. Radioland was the scene of the "dance of the year" Thursday evening when the Acme Young Men's Club presented an All-Girls' Orchestra from Piney Woods School. A large group of youngsters enjoyed dancing until a late hour. The Nursery School conducted at Washington School building and several needy families shared in the proceeds from the dance. Wm. E. Haley is spending several days at home after completing an assignment in the Northern part of the state during the past three weeks. Mrs. Victoria Hazelrig of Middlesboro, Ky., was the guest of her son-in-law

and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goode. She was the recipient of many social courtesies during her visit. She will visit with relatives in Detroit, Michigan before returning to her home in Ky.

Lowell White, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. White, returned to Columbus, O., Friday afternoon. He was the guest of his parents and sister for several days.

Now Sec'y Of Y Of United States

PHILADELPHIA—(ANP). — Flowers, telegrams, and telephone messages comprise the way this city is saying "congratulations" to Miss Mamie E. Davis, general secretary of the Southwest YWCA, who was elected secretary of the YWCA of the United States at the biennial convention held in Atlantic City last week.

To serve for three years, Miss Davis will have an important part in planning the next convention three years hence. She also becomes a member of the World Council of the YWCA. Miss Davis will retain her Southwest post.

A graduate of Sam Houston college, Austin, Texas, Miss Davis was Girls Reserve and later executive secretary in Dallas, Texas, becoming east. She was the senior activities secretary here before being elevated to the higher position.

Miss Davis is one of the most active people in Philadelphia. She serves on numerous committees, is an examiner for the state department of welfare and keeps her YWCA plant going at full blast. The Southwest YW is one of the busiest places in Philadelphia.

Miss Davis is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Davis of New Orleans, where her father is pastor of the First Street M. E. church. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and in private life is Mrs. Shepard E. Grain.

Also honored by the YWCA delegates, who represented all the organizations of the country were Mrs. Myra Bryant, of Birmingham, who was re-elected a member of the national board of the YWCA, and Mrs. A. Maurice Curtis who was named a board member for the first time.

CAMP DERRICOTTE

This week end found everything ready for the opening of the second season for Camp Derricotte, sponsored by the Wheatley Branch Y. W. C. A. The camp will formally open Monday, June 17.

Comments on last year's work indicate a larger attendance this year.

An interesting story about this camp appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch last August from the pen of Marguerite Martyn.

Among other things, she said: "The difference between Camp Derricotte and the camps for white boys and girls is that the Negro girls appear to embrace the opportunity for healthful outdoor recreation more eagerly and with more appreciation for the facilities provided for them."

RE-ELECTED



Mrs. Henry C. Bryant, chairman of the committee of management of the branch YWCA, Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Bryant is the only Negro member of the National Board of the YWCA in the South and was re-elected at the national convention in Atlantic City, April 16 to 20, for another term of six years. She is also a sponsor for the Women's Centennial Congress meeting in New York City, November 23, under the chairmanship of

This opportunity is again being given the colored girls of St. Louis and vicinity this year. Few people of this community know, or will ever know, the work and untiring efforts on the part of interested persons to make this camp available to the young women of our race. Aside from the untiring efforts of the executive secretary and the committee of management of the Wheatley Branch, the time was when all the power and influence of the St. Louis Young Women's Christian Association were required to get such a camp, and also an occasional push and help from Congressmen, Senators, and maybe the President of the United States, with the additional help of some interested citizens thrown in for good measure.

These interested persons did their part so as to make it possible for the girls and the young women of our race to have such a beautiful place for recreation in the great Cuivre River area near Troy, Missouri.

It is proper to state here that none other is like unto this camp in operation for colored girls in this country. In speaking of this camp, one of the girls, who was in attendance, said, "We arise at 7 a. m., bathe in hot water showers and have breakfast. Then we devote an hour to housework, taking care of our own cabins, etc. During the day we can take handicraft, folk dancing, dramatics, learn games, swimming and first aid work, or we can study naturelore—that means the study of the stars, birds, trees, flowers, etc. We have just returned from a 12-mile hike with our guide. With knapsacks on our backs, we blazed a trail and slept under the stars. But not the least among our activities is sketching, singing and Bible study."

The camp, this year, as it was last year, will be under the general supervision of Mrs. Anna Lee Hill Scott, executive secretary of the Wheatley Branch Young Women's Christian Association, and of Miss Vera Thompson, her assistant. Of course, there are many volunteer workers and house matrons who will act as guides and counselors for the season. Surely this camp is an unusual treat for the colored girls of St. Louis and vicinity.

Charlotte N. C. *Observer*
July 21, 1940

12 NEGRO GIRLS Center to Open ATTEND Y CAMP For Negro Girls

Representing Phyllis Wheatley
Y. W. C. A. Branch At Camp
Jo Harris.

The first Negro girls of Charlotte to attend Young Women's Christian association camps are representing the Phyllis Wheatley branch at camps this summer, it was announced yesterday.

Twelve Girl Reserves and one advisor have registered to attend Camp Jo Harris in the North Carolina mountains near North Wilkesboro. Two Girl Reserves and one advisor spent 10 days at Camp Whispering Pines near Durham.

At a tea to be held at the Phyllis Wheatley branch next Sunday evening, these girls will describe for their parents and others who attend their first experiences in camp life.

Charleston S. C. *Evening Post*
October 5, 1940

A residence center for negro girls will open at the Shaw school on Monday, Harry G. Boyte, district supervisor for national youth administration, announced today.

The NYA center operated some time ago, but was later closed.

Colored girls, who will live at the center five days a week, will be trained in home economics, cleanliness and other elements that will make them good homemakers or servants. Beulah Duval will be supervisor and Anna Fields assistant supervisor.

The girls will enter the school on Mondays and remain through Friday on alternate weeks, and they will receive a fixed stipend from the WPA, from which 50 cents a day will be deducted for subsistence.

Mr. Boyte pointed out today that each hour of the day will be filled with some phase of the training work. The girls will cook their

own meals, clean the house and perform other routine duties. No men will be allowed in the center. A similar center was opened in St. George last Monday, the supervisor said, and its operation so far has been a marked success. The center is only one phase of the NYA work in this section.

GIRL RESERVES REGISTER AT Y

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More than 300 girls from 8 to 18, registered on Girl Reserve Registration Day at the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. on October 8, for girls activities.

Since then, the following groups have been organized:

Senior high girls' clubs, Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays; Junior High girls' clubs, Wednesdays and Fridays; younger girls, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Dancing lessons are held on Saturday morning from 9 to 1, with co-ed matinee dancing from 2 to 4.

Two club groups sponsored special activities on Draft Registration Day. They were: The senior high girls took a trip to the monastery, and the junior high girls had a fudge party.

"The Latest News Club" held its first meeting with a capacity attendance on Thursday, when Prof. Doxy Wilkerson of Howard University, addressed the group on "The Negro and the New World War."

A project of the business and professional department of the Y. W. C. A., the club is planning to bring before the business and industrial girls modern day problems of interest to them.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 24, when Raymond Logan will speak on "Africa and the World War."

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GIRLS SCOUT

Columbia S. C. State

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Negro Troop Is Assisting Early TB Diagnosis

Girl Scouts Make *After American 7-28-40* Own Playground

WASHINGTON

The Negro Girl Scout Troop 14 under the supervision of Anne Dickson, is assisting with the Richland Anti-Tuberculosis association early diagnosis campaign, it was announced yesterday.

The members of the troop are distributing posters and literature throughout the Negro population of the city and county.

Robert Barrie, executive secretary of the association, addressed the Richland County Social Workers' club at University Terrace last night in the interests of the campaign. A film, "On the Firing Line," was shown at the meeting.

Tonight Mr. Barrie will speak at the Wesley community house, 1310 Huger street.

The early diagnosis campaign is part of the service rendered through funds derived from the sale of Christmas seals.

Four Girl Scouts of Troop 117, without spending any money,

have transformed the backyard of T. J. Anderson's home, 1107

Irving Street, Northwest, into a

well-equipped neighborhood

playground.

The girls, LaVerne Clark, De-

lores Collins, Bessie Cobb, and

Ilanita Anderson, deciding to

enter the Back Yard Playground

contest sponsored by the Pleas-

ant Plains Civic Association,

made a miniature golf course,

see-saws, horseshoe pit, sand-

boxes, benches, and broad jump-

ing equipment.

Each girl brought whatever

she thought would be useful,

salvaging playthings, tools, and

parts from basements, attics, and

storerooms. The girls painted the

fence and porch and planted

flowers.

Club Formed

Saturday, when the judges came, Mr. Anderson's back yard had been completely converted, and a photographer was able to take pictures of children engaged in various activities.

In order to provide for the upkeep of the playground, the girls are organizing a club into which they will pay dues, the money to be used to purchase necessities.